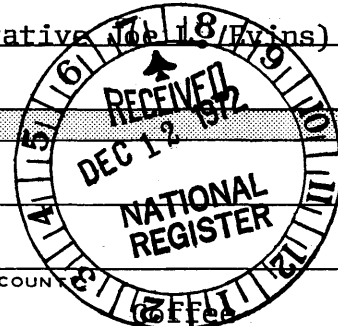


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1. NAME

COMMON:
Old Stone Fort (Representative of 18/17/18/19/20/21/22/23/24/25/26/27/28/29/30/31/32/33/34/35/36/37/38/39/40/41/42/43/44/45/46/47/48/49/50/51/52/53/54/55/56/57/58/59/60/61/62/63/64/65/66/67/68/69/70/71/72/73/74/75/76/77/78/79/80/81/82/83/84/85/86/87/88/89/90/91/92/93/94/95/96/97/98/99/100)

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
on Park Drive / US 41

CITY OR TOWN:
Manchester

STATE: **Tennessee** CODE: **47** COUNTY: **Coffee** CODE: **031**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
State of Tennessee

STREET AND NUMBER:
Department of Conservation

CITY OR TOWN: **Nashville** STATE: **Tennessee** CODE: **47**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Coffee County Register's Office

STREET AND NUMBER:
Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: **Manchester** STATE: **Tennessee** CODE: **47**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Survey of Coffee County, Tennessee

DATE OF SURVEY: **February 1966** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Department of Anthropology, University of Tennessee

STREET AND NUMBER:
South Stadium Hall

CITY OR TOWN: **Knoxville** STATE: **Tennessee** CODE: **47**

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)

Excellent
 Good
 Fair
 Deteriorated
 Ruins
 Unexposed

(Check One)

Altered
 Unaltered

(Check One)

Moved
 Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The site consists of earth and rock embankments enclosing about 50 acres at the end of a natural plateau where the forks of the Duck River converge. The earth and rock walls, which range from 3.6 to just over 6 feet in height were constructed where the bluffs along the forks of the Duck were not precipitous. The east wall along the Little Duck is 1,094 feet long. The west wall runs 1,396 feet along the bluffs of the Duck River proper. The south wall was constructed 2,116 feet from one stream to another. The so-called "north" wall is where the east and west walls converge to form an entrance which consists of two pedestal mounds at the ends of the east and west walls and two parallel "entrance" walls which run into the enclosure from the pedestal mounds, the west entrance wall being 214 feet long including 54 feet of a back entrance wall forming a "cul-de-sac." A ditch was located across the entranceway and between the pedestal mounds and parallel entrance walls. The walls have been damaged by earth and stone removal, historic building activities, and erosion, but the above description is considered fairly accurate, being based on several early descriptions and drawings, and on an archaeological excavation carried out by the University of Tennessee Department of Anthropology in 1966.



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3. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Old Stone Fort is one of the finest examples of a prehistoric enclosure site in the Southeastern United States. It is also the only site of its kind in North America that has been extensively excavated and described in the recent literature. Although early interest in the site was stimulated by the idea that this structure was built by pre-Columbian European explorers (e.g. Norse, Welsh), excavation by the University of Tennessee demonstrated that the details of construction are very similar to those found in the Hopewell enclosure sites of Ohio, and the C-14 dates from the walls ranging between A.D. 30 and 430 confirm its construction during the Middle Woodland period by Indians who had cultural ties to the Hopewell culture of the Ohio Valley. The function of this and similar sites is still in question, but future excavation here could solve this problem. Some of the walls have been partially destroyed by historic deprecations, but the 1966 excavation at this site and future field work should provide for one of the best restorations of this type of site in the eastern United States.

The approximately 50-acre site is now part of the Old Stone Fort State Park, comprising some 675 acres, developed by the Department of Conservation of the State of Tennessee.



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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Cox, P.E., "Preliminary Report of Exploration at Old Stone Fort, Manchester, Tennessee." Journal of the Tennessee Academy of Science, Vol. 4, No. 1, 1929.

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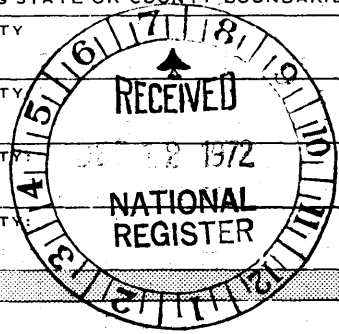
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	35° 29' 06"	86° 06' 37"				
NE	35° 29' 06"	86° 06' 21"				
SE	35° 28' 51"	86° 06' 21"				
SW	35° 28' 51"	86° 06' 37"				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **50**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE



11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Charles H. Faulkner, Associate Professor of Anthropology

ORGANIZATION: **Department of Anthropology** DATE: **11/1/72**

STREET AND NUMBER:
South Stadium Hall, University of Tennessee

CITY OR TOWN: **Knoxville** STATE: **Tennessee** CODE: **47**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: *Michael J. Smith*
 Title: Executive Director
Tennessee Historical Commission
 Date: 11/17/72

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert M. Utley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation
 Date: 2/20/73
 ATTEST:
Wm. M. ...
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date: 2.16.73

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